

FIA World Endurance Championship
Round 6 - 6 Hours of Fuji
2026 September 24th - 27th

Decision no. 53

From: The Stewards
To: HEART OF RACING TEAM

Date: 27 September 2026
Time: 21:35

The Stewards, having received a report from the Race Director, having checked the video evidence, have considered the following matter

N° / Driver: 27 / Mattia DRUDI
Competitor: HEART OF RACING TEAM
Session: Race
Time (fact): 16:42
Fact: Contact between cars 27 and 58 at T1.
Offence: Alleged breach of Appendix L Chap. IV, art 2d) of FIA International Sporting Code
Decision: No further action

Reason:

Having reviewed the video evidence, including the TV feed, track cameras and onboard footage, and heard from the drivers and team representatives, the Stewards determined that Car 58 was following Car 27 along the start/finish straight. Approximately halfway down the straight, Car 58 moved alongside Car 27 and attempted to overtake on the left-hand side. At the same time, Car 27 was positioned towards the centre of the track, while another car was exiting the pit lane on its right-hand side. While the cars were alongside each other, contact occurred between them, causing the rear of Car 58 to be lifted and resulting in a significant crash.

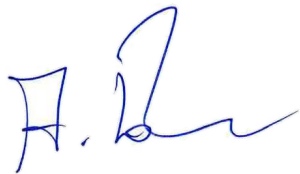
During the hearing, the driver of Car 58 explained that he intended to remain close to Car 27 to benefit from the side draft and gain additional speed. Both drivers explained that, given the high speed at which they were travelling, the proximity of the cars and the presence of another car exiting the pit lane, they attempted to maintain a straight trajectory. Finally, both drivers considered the incident to be a racing incident, with neither driver considering the other to be predominantly responsible for the contact.

Having considered the matter extensively, the Stewards determined that no significant or abrupt steering movement was evident from either car. They were also unable to establish that either driver was predominantly responsible for the contact. The Stewards therefore determined that the incident was a racing incident and decided that no further action was necessary.

Competitors are reminded that they have the right to appeal certain decisions of the Stewards, in accordance with Article 15 of the FIA International Sporting Code and Chapter 4 of the FIA Judicial and Disciplinary Rules, within the applicable time limits.

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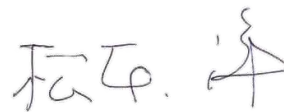
Brieuc KREMER
Chairman of the Panel

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Achim LOTH
International Steward

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Michael SCHWÄGERL
International Steward

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Hiroshi MATSUMOTO
National Steward